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- 2. (SNF) Col BRAVO related the Captain and his group forced Che to move along in front of them and he was shot in the back. ERAVO states Che knew of their intent and wept and pleaded for his life stating he was worth more alive than dead. This weak showing by Che disgusted the Bolivians.
- 3. (SNF) According to Bravo, Che's body was burned and cremated to preclude his remains from being used by the Communists for martyrdom. BRAVO stated the parents of Che went to claim the remains but were turned down. They were not told of the cremation, but were simply informed Che was "killed in action". BRAVO states the Bolivian government fears any pressure on it to return his remains as the cremation is purportedly a closely-held secret.

4. (C) Bio notes on Col BRAVO
is an opportunist and is a fence straudier. He stated most of his assignments
were based on "expediencies". He was a 1963-1934 member of the C&GSC class
at the School of the Americas. He stayed on as a guest instructor. He was
a classmate of Barrientos. He was the Army C4, then J4 and commanded a division
for two years. He expects a promotion in Dec 71. His family are middle classed.
BRAVO is the homely type. A son is a student in the Bolivian Air Force Academy.
A daughter, 22, is in California USA, employed by a "geodetic" firm. BRAVO
was embittered at the poor reception he received by the Venezuelan MOD.

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